

AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111
Appln. No.: 10/687,971

Attorney Docket No.: Q78074

REMARKS

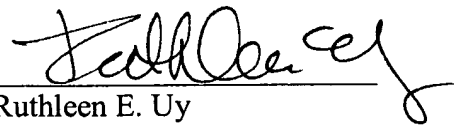
This Amendment, submitted in response to the Office Action dated February 23, 2005, is believed to be fully responsive to each point of rejection raised therein. Accordingly, favorable reconsideration on the merits is respectfully requested.

Claims 1-10 and 31 have been canceled. Claims 11-30 and 32-40 are thus all the claims pending in the application. Claims 11-29 have been allowed. The Examiner indicated the allowability of claims 31 and 34 if rewritten in independent form. Claim 30 has been amended to include the allowable subject matter of claim 31, and Applicant therefore respectfully submits that claim 30 is now allowable, as well as its dependent claims 32, 33, 35-40. Claim 34 has been rewritten in independent form. Therefore, the application is now in a condition for allowance.

In view of the above, reconsideration and allowance of this application are now believed to be in order, and such actions are hereby solicited. If any points remain in issue which the Examiner feels may be best resolved through a personal or telephone interview, the Examiner is kindly invited to contact the undersigned attorney at the telephone number listed below.

The USPTO is directed and authorized to charge all required fees, except for the Issue Fee and the Publication Fee, to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. Please also credit any overpayments to said Deposit Account.

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